

HOUSE No. 3557

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to cannabis research funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>4/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3557) of Michael J. Soter and F. Jay Barrows relative to medical cannabis research funding. Cannabis Policy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to cannabis research funding.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 35SSS the
2 following section:-

3 Section 35TTT. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Research Fund to
4 research the applications of medical marijuana in commonwealth as it relates to treatment for
5 conditions including cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s
6 disease, HIV/AIDS, epilepsy, seizures, glaucoma and multiple sclerosis, and any other medical
7 conditions identified by the research director of the cannabis control commission. Expenditures
8 from the fund shall be made by the cannabis control commission, without further appropriation
9 and consistent with the terms of settlements made in connection with claims arising from the
10 manufacture, marketing, distribution or dispensing of opioids, as applicable. The research
11 director at the cannabis control commission shall administer the fund, in consultation with the
12 commissioners of the cannabis control commission.

13 (b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) \$10,000,000 from the Opioid Recovery and
14 Remediation Fund, established in section 35000 of chapter 10; (ii) transfers from other funds
15 authorized by the general court and so designated; (iii) funds from public or private sources,
16 including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the
17 commonwealth designated to the fund; and (iv) any interest earned on such amounts. Amounts
18 credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and monies remaining in the
19 fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

20 (c) Biannually, not later than December 31, the research director of the cannabis control
21 commission shall submit a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.